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C. & S. B. REGISTRY.

REPORT

Traffic Branch No. *D 3529*

Date *19/1/4*

Subject (in full) Result of enquiries made re the visits of Robert M. Short (deceased)

to the Traffic Office & the loss of .380 Auto. Pistol from the Statement Office.

Made by Sub-Inspr. J. Leslie. Forwarded by

Sir,

From enquiries made among the Foreign & Chinese Staff at the Traffic Office, it has been ascertained that Robert M. Short was not known personally to any of them. I myself met him once only and that when prosecuting in a case of dangerous driving against him at the U.S. Court in February last.

Enquiries at the Licensing Dept. of the Traffic Office show that in all he made four separate visits there. The first in about the middle of December last when he made application for a provisional licence and which for some reason was not granted. His second visit was during the afternoon of December 30th when he was given a provisional licence, and a test paper.

He made a 3rd visit during the afternoon of December 31st after having passed the test at Gordon Road to get a full driving licence, but being unable to pay the fee for the same was not given it.

His fourth visit was about the middle of January when he paid the fee and was granted a licence. He was next seen again at the Traffic Office early in February when he called to interview Supt. McKenna in reference to a summons which had been served on him for dangerous driving for which as I have already mentioned he was brought before the U.S. Court.

In connexion with his visits to the Traffic Office Licensing Office, I would point out that the office is situated on the 2nd floor directly above the Statement Office which is on the 1st floor and the offices have a common set of stairs.

It has not been ascertained that any of the Chinese Staff of the Traffic Office are in any way connected with the Chinese Bureau of Public Safety or any of the Chinese Authorities.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Leslie

Sub-Inspector.

Officer i/c Traffic Branch.

b.c. (Crim.)

Forwarded

19/1/4

*I have told Mc(T) to
advise for refund of
money charged to S.O.
Leslie, if filed in
O.T.B. same writing*

19/1/4

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del. of loss
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*Report on
Short see
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. S. S. B. REGISTRY.
No. D. 7530.
Date 19. 4. 32.

April 19, 2.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of one Colt .38 automatic pistol, No. 2639, the property of the Shanghai Municipal Police, found amongst the effects of the late Mr. R. W. Short, and have to inform you that the weapon in question was stolen from the Traffic Department of the Municipal Police on December 30, 1931. Investigations are now in hand regarding the theft of this pistol.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



D. C. (CRIME)

Commissioner of Police.

E. S. Cunningham, Esq.,

Consul-General for the United States.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE

American Consulate General,
Shanghai, China, April 16, 1932.

Subject: Shanghai Municipal Police Revolver.

Major F. W. Gerrard, C.I.E.,
Commissioner of Police,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
18 Hankow Road,
Shanghai, China.

Sir:

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I have the honor to forward herewith one Colt Automatic Revolver, calibre .380, marked "Shanghai Municipal Police, No. 2639", which was found among the effects of the late Mr. Robert M. Short, an American citizen who came to his death near Soochow, China, on February 22, 1932. It is requested that you kindly give this Consulate General a receipt for the revolver.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Edwin S. Cunningham
Edwin S. Cunningham,
American Consul General.

Accompaniment:

1/- One revolver, as described above.

*P.A. carb
Emmeline
+ ack.
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